



# Early Childhood Education

### What is the job outlook?

Students completing the A.A.S. degree in Early Childhood Education at Northwest Florida State College will complete all requirements for the Florida Child Care Professional Credential (FCCPC) and the Florida Director Credential. Early Childhood teachers may advance to administrative positions in child care/early education programs. There is currently a regional shortage of Early Childhood teachers. The local salary range is \$8 to \$14 per hour.

### When are the classes taught?

### Can I work while enrolled?

The majority of coursework in this program is offered in the evening, on weekends and through distance learning to accommodate working students. Classes are offered primarily at the NWF State College Niceville campus. The majority of students seeking the A.A.S. in Early Childhood Education are already employed in the Early Childhood Education field.

### What is the cost of the program?

NWF State College fees are the lowest in Florida of any college or university. A special in-state fee is available at NWF State College for Alabama residents. Expenses, such as textbooks and materials, are additional. See [www.nwfstatecollege.edu](http://www.nwfstatecollege.edu) for current fees. For more information call 729-5370.

### Is Financial Aid available?

The mission of NWF State College is to serve everyone who can benefit from a college education. NWF State College offers an extensive financial aid program. More than \$12 million in financial assistance is awarded to NWF State College students annually through federal, state, and local grants, college work-study, loans and scholarships. For detailed information on financial aid and a complete list of available scholarships, refer to the NWF State College catalog, the NWF State College Financial Aid Office or visit the Financial Aid website at [www.nwfstatecollege.edu/financialaid](http://www.nwfstatecollege.edu/financialaid). Local scholarships are available through the NWFSC Foundation. For more information call 729-5370.

### I've taken courses at another college, will these count toward this program?

Have transcripts of work completed at any other regionally accredited college sent to the NWF State College Registrar's Office. Appropriate college staff will evaluate any previous courses you have taken and you will be notified if any may be applied to the Early Childhood Education program of study.

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### What classes meet program requirements?

### Associate of Applied Science degree:

General Courses	Education	Credit Hours
Communications		3
Humanities		3
Mathematics		3
Science		4
Social Science		3
General Education Elective		2

General Education Credits Required	Credit Hours
General Education Credits Required	18

(See approved courses for general education in current catalog)

Core Courses	Credit Hours
CHD2322	3
Programs for Young Children	
CHD2432A	3
Curriculum for Young Children I	
DEP2100	3
Child Growth & Development I	
CHD1430	3
Observing and Recording Child Behavior	
HUN2410A	3
Child Nutrition and Health	
CHD1223	3
Guidance for Young Children	
CHD1531	3
Parenting Education	
CHD1941	3
Child Development Internship	
CHD1312	3
Infants and Toddlers	
CHD2332A	3
Curriculum for Young Children II	
CHD2334A	3
Curriculum for Young Children III	
CHD2337A	3
Curriculum for Young Children IV	
CHD1800	3
Early Childhood Program Administration	
Technical Education Electives	6

(See approved courses in current NWFSC catalog.)

Total Technical Education Courses Required	45
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Total College Credits Required	63
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## General Information

The Early Childhood Education program at Northwest Florida State College is a two year program of study leading to an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in Early Childhood Education. Students may also complete college credit certificates in Preschool, Infant/Toddler, Child Care Management and Child Development/Early Intervention while completing the A.A.S. degree requirements. The program provides students with the educational background necessary to implement developmentally appropriate practices in a high quality early childhood education program. The NWF State College program includes content in child development, nutrition, health and safety, classroom teaching practices, assessment of young children, working with families, guidance and discipline, and administration in early childhood education settings.

## Accreditation

NWF State College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award bachelor and associate degrees, certificates and diplomas. The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools may be contacted at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097. Telephone number (404) 679-4501, website: [www.sacscoc.org](http://www.sacscoc.org).

## What is an Early Childhood Education Teacher?

Early Childhood Education teachers work in a variety of settings. These settings include private and public childcare programs, Head Start, military childcare programs, and private and public preschool and pre-Kindergarten programs. Early childhood teachers work in classrooms with children from age birth to pre-Kindergarten. Responsibilities include maintaining a safe and healthy environment, planning and implementing the daily program, completing developmental assessments on young children, and communicating with families.

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Department of Early Childhood Education

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## Plan Now To Begin Early Childhood Education

New students may be admitted at any time during the year. Complete admission forms and schedule your free academic advising appointment.

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### To begin the program you must:

- ❖ Have a high school diploma or GED high school equivalent diploma. If you have not yet completed a diploma you may apply for admission, but must complete a diploma before you are admitted as a degree-seeking student.
- ❖ Submit NWF State College admission and residency forms to NWF State College.
- ❖ Request official transcripts from high school, GED or any post-secondary institution attended.
- ❖ Meet with an advisor to plan a program of study before enrolling in classes.

## Child Development/Early Intervention

### Gainful Employment Information

- **U.S. Department of Labor's Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Code:** 25-2011
- **Link(s) to Occupational Profile(s) on U.S. Department of Labor's O\*NET:**  
<http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/25-2011.00>
- **On-time Graduation Rate<sup>1</sup>:**
- **Tuition and Fees for Entire Program:**
- **Typical Costs for Books and Supplies for Entire Program:**
- **Job Placement Rate<sup>2</sup>:** TBD
- **Median Loan Debt Incurred (completers):** \$0.00

<sup>1</sup>Source: NEXUS Student Information System

<sup>2</sup>Source: Florida Education and Training Placement Information Program (FETPIP)